



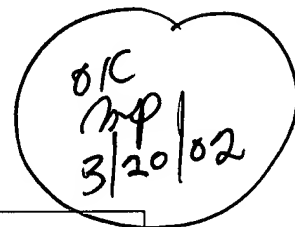
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Response and Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 1, 2000 in the above-referenced application. A Petition for a Three-Months Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

Claims

Please cancel claims 13-22 without prejudice; amend claims 1, 9, 23 and 30 as follows, and add new claims 32 and 33:

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1. (Amended) A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- about 1 to less than 50% by weight covalently crosslinked water insoluble, water-swellaable polymers;
- about 1 to 75% by weight uncrosslinked, linear water soluble polymers.